

House Resolution No. 78

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives occasionally pause to recognize those individuals who have dedicated themselves to furthering the education of youth athletic competition; and

Whereas, Warren "Bud" Lathrop of Raytown, Missouri, has enjoyed a long, illustrious career as a basketball coach for the past forty-four years; and

Whereas, after serving one year at Fulton, Missouri, and two years at Mound City, Missouri, Bud Lathrop found his true home at Raytown South High School, where he has provided exceptional leadership and exerted considerable influence for the past forty-one years; and

Whereas, Bud Lathrop has garnered a very impressive career record which is the envy of all and which includes such extraordinary milestones as 876 wins, 32 conference championships, 21 district titles, and 4 state titles; and

Whereas, Bud Lathrop has earned the prestigious distinction of ranking sixteenth on the roster of the winningest coaches in United States history; and

Whereas, the unparalleled nature of Bud Lathrop's coaching achievements have led to his well-deserved induction into the William Jewell Hall of Fame, Missouri Basketball Hall of Fame, Missouri Sports Hall of Fame, and the Greater Kansas City Sports Association Hall of Fame; and

Whereas, a stellar example for students and colleagues to emulate, Bud Lathrop has continuously demonstrated unselfish generosity to others, such as the time in 1986 when he gave his personal copy of the school yearbook to a member of the graduating class who had not been able to obtain a copy before supplies ran out; and

Whereas, Bud Lathrop is greatly admired and respected for his tremendous success in teaching young people compassion for their fellowman, the rewards of hard work, and the meaning of sacrifice:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud Warren Lathrop's splendid coaching career and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for many more years of personal and professional success; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the ongoing accomplishments of Warren "Bud" Lathrop of Raytown South High School.

Offered by _____
Representative Mike Sager
District No. 48

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 78, adopted January 16, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker